

Wright Middle School

111 Hwy 71

Abbeville, SC 29620

**South Carolina
State Report Card**

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades: 6-8 Middle
Enrollment: 396 students
School Phone: 864=366-5998
School Website: <http://wms.acsdsc.org/>

Principal: Skip Hopkins
Superintendent: Dr. Jonathan Phipps
Board Chair: James B. Tisdale, Jr

**Profile of the SC Graduate****World Class Knowledge**

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

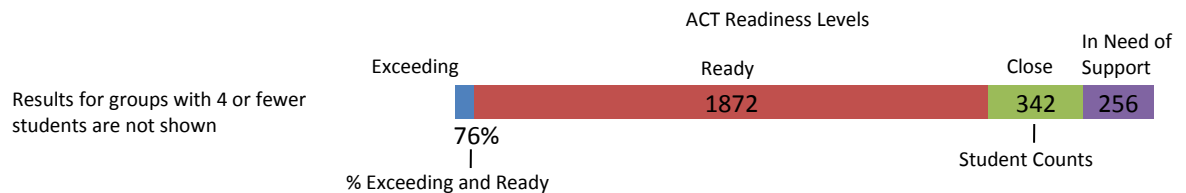
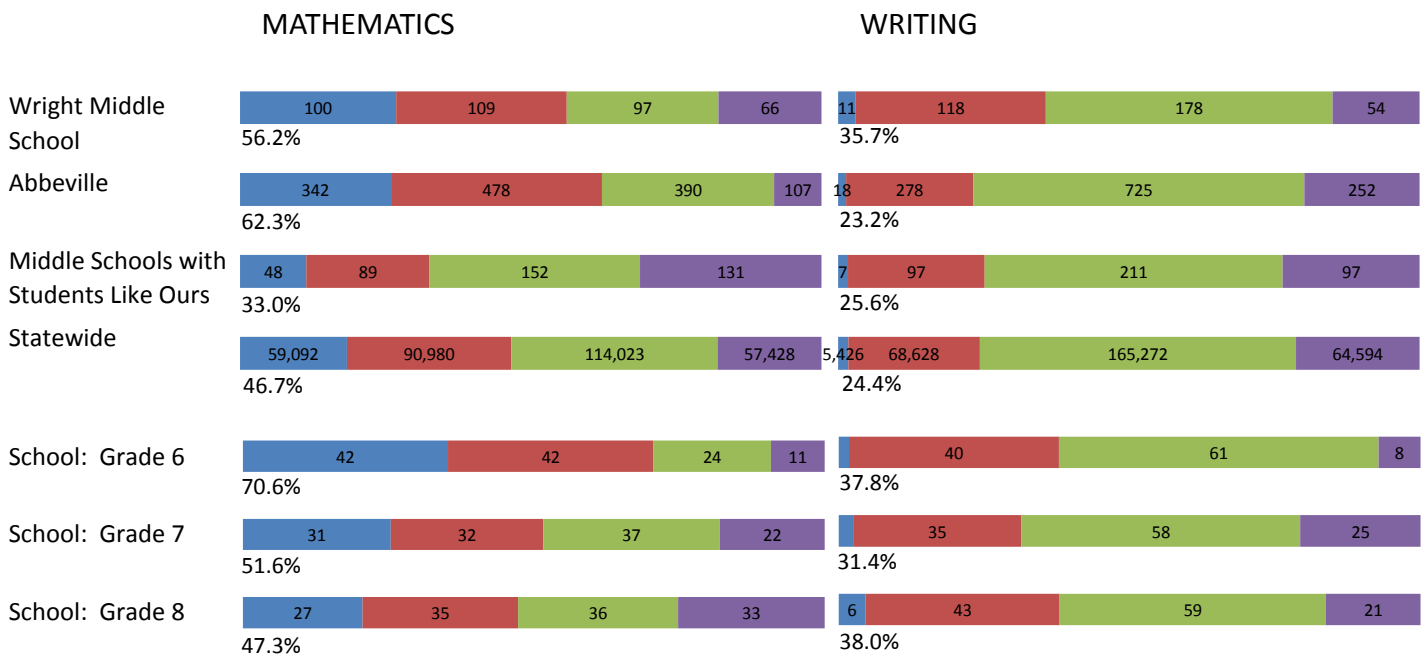
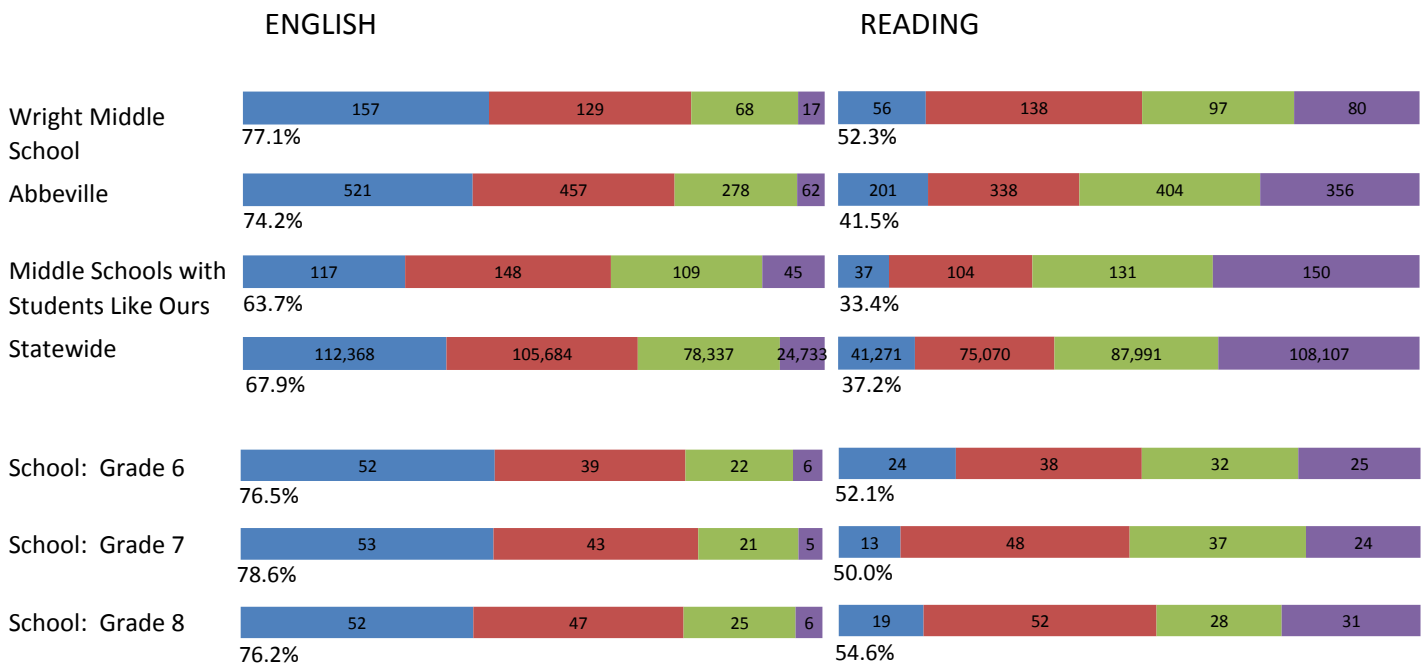
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Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by focusing on academic achievement for all students. J.S. Wright Middle School serves a diverse population of learners in Abbeville District 60. We serve approximately 400 students in grades six through eight. Wright offers a core program focusing on ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and related arts classes which offer multiple opportunities for students. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students. In 2013-2014 J.S. Wright Middle received the Palmetto Gold award once again. We continue to rank as one of the highest achieving middle schools in South Carolina. We had many students excel academically this year. Nine students scored perfect on 2014 PASS testing. We also had six students recognized as Junior Scholars. The formation of our PAWS organization allowed students to participate in service learning projects. J.S. Wright Middle School also achieved outside of the classroom. Our football team won the region championship for the third year in a row. Our baseball team also won the region championship. We also had students compete in band, cheer, golf, basketball, track, volleyball, softball, wrestling, and tennis. We continue to produce well rounded students. We are very proud of our accomplishments this year and we attribute our successes to our dedicated faculty and staff, our students, excellent district level leadership, and parental and community involvement. Principal - Mr. Skip Hopkins School Improvement Chair - Mr. Shane Cox

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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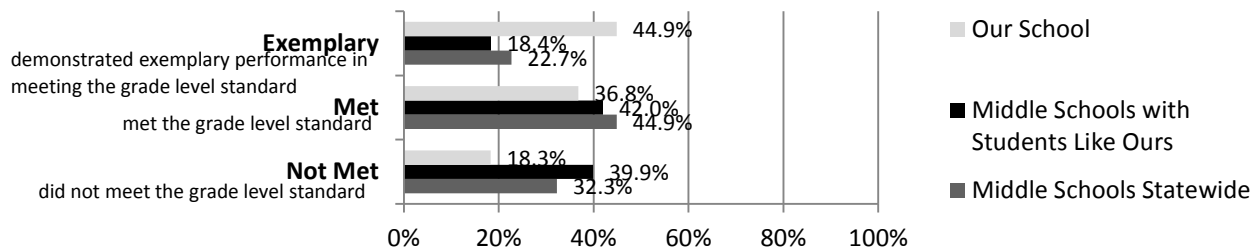
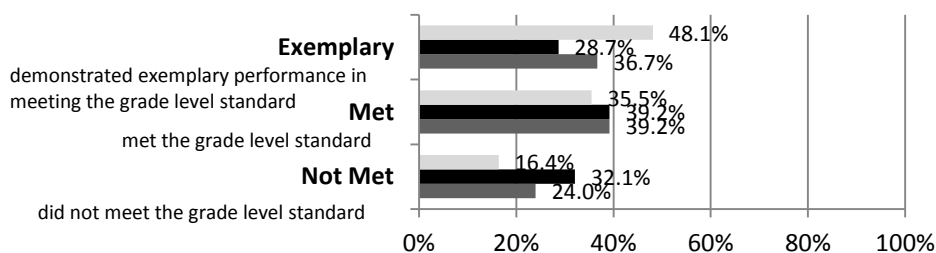
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science**Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

| Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| 6th grade | 7th grade | 8th grade |
| 83.2 | 82.8 | 79.4 |

Social Studies SCPASS

| Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| 6th grade | 7th grade | 8th grade |
| 90.8 | 77.0 | 83.2 |

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

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|-----------|--|
| Exemplary | "Exemplary" : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard. |
| Met | "Met" : student met the grade level standard. |
| Not Met | "Not Met" : student did not meet the grade level standard. |

End of Course Tests

| Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on: | Our School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---|------------|--|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | N/A | 96.4 |
| English 1 | N/A | 92.5 |
| Biology 1 | N/A | 67.2 |
| US History and the Constitution | N/A | 51.7 |
| All Subjects | N/A | 94.5 |

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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OPPORTUNITIES

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with students like ours |
|---|------------|-----------------------|--|
| Students (n = 396) | | | |
| Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index) | 79.1 | Down from 80.7% | N/A |
| Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses | 0.0 | No change | 23.0 |
| Attendance Rate | 95.8 | Up from 95.2% | 95.1 |
| With disabilities | 10.3 | Down from 11.8% | 15.1 |
| Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 1.0 | Up from 0.0% | 0.9 |
| Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs | 24.5 | Up from 21.7% | 15.8 |
| Percentage of students retained | 0.8 | Up from 0.5% | 0.7 |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0 | No change | 0.0 |
| Teachers (n = 32) | | | |
| Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees | 56.3 | Down from 63.3% | 57.4 |
| Percentage of teachers on continuing contract | 78.1 | Down from 86.7% | 74.4 |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 80.8 | Down from 81.3% | 84.8 |
| Teacher attendance rate | 97.3 | Down from 98.3% | 94.7 |
| Average teacher salary* | \$44,346 | Down 4.0% | \$46,416 |
| Professional development days / teacher | 10.2 days | Up from 1.5 days | 11.1 days |
| Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks | 0.0 | N/A | 0.5 |
| School | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 1.0 | Down from 2.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 17.0 to 1 | Down from 18.2 to 1 | 20.4 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 92.9 | Down from 93.4% | 88.5 |
| Opportunities in the arts | Poor | No change | Good |
| Opportunities in foreign languages | Poor | N/A | Poor |
| AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation | Yes | No change | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 100.0 | Up from 99.1% | 99.4 |
| Character development program | Poor | Down from Excellent | Good |
| Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library | 23.0 | N/A | 14.9 |
| Number of resources available per student in the school library media center | 51.1 | N/A | 25.2 |
| Bandwidth capacity per student | <25 Mbps | N/C | N/A |
| Percent of classrooms with wireless access | 76-100% | N/C | N/A |
| District-issued learning devices per student | 0.2 | N/C | 1.0 |
| District-issued technology devices per teacher | 0.7 | N/C | 1.9 |
| Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 7.5 | Down from 13.0% | 5.5 |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$7,339 | Up 3.7% | \$7,868 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 64.2 | Up from 64.1% | 61.4 |
| Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries** | 66.7 | Up from 66.4% | 62.5 |

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Number of surveys returned | 25 | 116 | 76 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 100.0 | 71.6 | 73.7 |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0 | 75.8 | 74.7 |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 91.6 | 87.9 | 62.6 |

* Only students at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

State Ratings History of School

| Year | Absolute Rating | Growth Rating |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2014 | Excellent | Good |
| 2013 | Excellent | Good |
| 2012 | Excellent | Excellent |

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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